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REPORT OF LAST MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL

A regular meeting of the town council was held in the town office with Mayor Purcell and Councillors Michael, Menard, Dushayes and W. Thompson present.

A letter was read from a property owner requesting that consideration be given to a reduction in the taxes for 1937 and 1938 while the premises was not occupied and also that consideration be given to the cancellation of certain penalties. The matter was reviewed at length and it was found that there was no authority whereby the council could cancel penalties, except under the tax consolidation act, and that there is no authority whatsoever whereby the council can cancel taxes legally levied. It was explained that substantial discounts may be earned by entering into a consolidation agreement. It was decided to notify the person concerned that the only consideration that the council is able to give is that offered under a consolidation agreement.

Lots 6 and 7 in Block M is owned by the town and this council have an opportunity to rent and the public works committee made an estimate of repairs and cost necessary to the house, including, also, hearing what it would cost to do the job ordered the repairs made. A request had been made by another occupant of a house for repair to the roof which was said to be in a leaky condition. Some shingles had been sent out for this work and it was thought the tenant could attend to the repairing of same.

Councillor Menard reported that six new seats had been made for the Community Hall at a cost of \$74.00 each and needed to be stained and varnished. P. W. Jones, who was offered to do these together with the other seats in the hall, stated an extra cost of \$10.00 each, the town to supply the material. Mr. Jones was authorized to do the work.

An application had been received from Fred Dackiwich for relief. A list of his earnings had been obtained, and it was felt that these should carry him through till the first of December. It was agreed that the application be left in abeyance for this month and that an investigation be made fully into his circumstances. The discussion then arose as to the condition of the taxes on the property occupied by this man. These were generally in arrears and the statutory notice had been sent to the tenant to pay the rents to the town. The treasurer was instructed to notify the owner to arrange payment of these taxes.

Considerable discussion took place regarding the house on Main street. The town engineer who also acted as police constable. It was pointed out that while attending to police duties, and that there were no regular hours at the present time. After further discussion on the matter it was left to the hands of the committee to make the best arrangements possible. It was also pointed out that in connection with his police duties he should be provided with a firearm and other necessary equipment. A motion made by Councillor Michael and seconded by Councillor Thompson and carried that the fire, light and police committee be authorized to purchase the necessary equipment for the town constable. The engineer was also instructed to have the bath house at the lake boarded up.

Some discussion took place in regard to lights along certain lanes in the town. It was thought that a small light placed in the rear of the store by the different merchants would be sufficient. The matter was left in abeyance for the time being.

THE WORLD OF WHEAT

By M. G. L. Shewar, Director of "Great Trading Plan"

The trade treaties just signed by Great Britain, the United States and Canada constitute a new period of importance to the Canadian farmer.

ATHLETIC CLUB PLAN TO HOLD CARNIVAL

In order to provide skating for the younger people of the town a committee has been appointed by the Athletic Association to organize a carnival in order to raise the necessary funds. The date has been set for 13th January, 1939 and a very varied program will be put on. Besides the usual races a Queen competition will be staged and it is hoped to get some of the organizations in town as well as the school to sponsor a queen. A ladies committee will also be formed to look after the prizes and arrangements. Watch for the bills and program which will be published shortly.

Friday the 13 is to be a big day for the kiddies and grown ups in Gleichen, and if the parents wish to assure their children good and cheap skating this winter they are invited to go behind the curtain and see the person concerned that the only consideration that the council is able to give is that offered under a consolidation agreement.

REPORT OF WOMEN'S SECTION OF OLD TIMERS ASSOCIATION

The Women's Section of the Old Timers Association closed its second year with a membership of 27, consisting of old timers, wives of old timers, and of local native daughters. Also claiming these distinctions were not all members of the Association are cordially welcome to be members. The aim of the association is to visit any who may be sick and to render assistance and cheer them up to the best of their ability.

The third meeting took place immediately following the banquet which was attended. The meeting was called on by Mrs. Duncan McLean, the president. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved. Reports from sick and visiting members revealed that there has been very little illness during the year. Some assistance was given to unfortunate fire victims.

Nearly \$50 was raised during the year and suggestions were made to begin arrangements for further activity during this coming year.

Mr. Dave Brown and Mr. Watson won the hampers which were drawn at midnight.

Mrs. Duncin Clark occupied the chair for election of officers which resulted as follows:

Hon. Pres. Mrs. Duncan McLean. Vice-President, Mrs. Breton.

President-Treas. Mrs. A. Wilson. Executive: Mrs. J. McLean, Mrs. McMan, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. J. Martin.

COMING EVENTS

Dec. 3—United Church annual Bazaar will take place in the United Church starting at 3 p.m.

The goods farmers buy will be slightly lowered in price. Cattlemen will have the opportunity of exporting annually about three million dollars' worth of more stock, and there will be a slightly increased export, too, of certain agricultural products other than wheat.

The six cent preference that benefited protection enjoyed by Canadian wheat—has been eliminated, but our farmers have cheerfully given this up, for now what growers can approach the government, figuratively with clean economic hands, and say "You have made a splendid start in lowering tariffs; carry on with the good work. Lower the tariffs now against the goods of European countries so that foreign people can cover more of their goods and commodities to Canada, and so be enabled to purchase more of our wheat."

I am forced myself to the conclusion that lower tariffs form the only practical means by which prairie farmers can sell that quantity of wheat which they must. I believe, produce each year in order to maintain their very economic existence.

Lower tariffs, too, would certainly promote the cause of world peace, and so would decrease the necessity for costly re-arming for war.

BANQUET AND DANCE ATTENDED BY LARGE CROWD

As it has been the case in the past the annual Old Timers' banquet and dance was a huge success in every way. The attendance this year was away ahead of last year. About 200 sat down to enjoy the banquet and hear the program which followed. About 600 attended the dance and danced themselves tired to the strains of Bremner's Old Timers Orchestra.

The banquet under the management of Mr. James Black started promptly on time with almost every seat occupied. The few seats that were vacant were taken up a few minutes later. Grace was said by Mr. Duncan McLean. The excellent supper which was served by the Catholic ladies was handled in their usual efficient style having plenty of help on hand. Under a canopy of colored lights the tables were centered with fresh cut flowers. Supper over, Mr. Black called on Mayor Purcell who welcomed all present to this annual event and was followed by Mr. Harry Scott, president of the Old Timers Association.

Mr. Black then spoke to the young people present giving them some fatherly advice and in asking the boys band to give a selection. He then spoke to the few short months ago the boys did not know one end of the horn from the other. The boys played under the direction of the band. Miss Hirtle which were well received by the audience.

Mr. Richard J. Burns, of Calgary, on J. J. Burns, president of the J. Burns Co., was then called upon to speak. The speech of Mr. Burns contained plenty of food for thought and showed he had given much study to his subject. The last speaker was P. G. Thomas, president of the Alberta Farmers Association following which the Calgary visitors were introduced to the audience.

Mr. Harold Riley, secretary of the Alberta Association was scheduled to speak but was unable to be present owing to pressure of business in Edmonton.

The dance which followed saw most of the old time and modern dances danced by both old and young. The young folks were the life of the party. Starting around 9 o'clock the dance kept going without interruption until 4 a.m. and the old folks were the life of the party. The management of Leo Michael, Bremner's orchestra enlisted itself. All agreed that there is no better old time music than in Alberta. Mr. Bremner stated that the musicians were getting a lot of fun out of playing in Gleichen and that the dance was easily seen that the orchestra was having good time giving all they had in playing the various dances. The orchestra were untrained in the number of times they played.

NOTES OF THE DANCE

Bob Haskins proudly claims he has thought the first ticket to the dance and endeavored to find it in his pocket to show all the world proof of his claim, but could never find it. He was rather excited and forgot the boys at the door had lifted it when he came in.

Mrs. Breton came all the way from Bottrell, 44 miles west of Calgary to meet the friends of the district. Altogether she and her party travelled 100 miles to be present, the furthest of all the visitors. If these old timers did not come from all over the country and distant parts it would not be an old time dance. The dance would be as fast as a macadam ball if but few came dressed for the occasion.

Leo Michael headed the decoration committee and as usual made a good job of it. The decorations of the hall was covered with maple colored lights. To Fred Jones goes the credit for the artistic designs on the walls.

And once the dance started Mr. Michael, the floor manager, kept things going. All night he had his work cut out and it kept him busy. It is safe to say he worked harder than anyone else to put the show over.

Speaking of banquets, The Catholic ladies certainly know how to manage an affair like that. The food was all and more than one could expect at

a banquet. The young ladies who waited on tables deserve much credit for the efficient manner in which they carried out their duties.

James Black, chairman of the banquet had a busy couple of hours looking after the many details connected with an event of that kind. He drew up the program and saw it through in the two hours allotted him from 9:30 to 9:00 o'clock. The time limit proved just long enough as the crowd appeared to be anxious to get moving around.

The attendance at the banquet was probably the largest that ever attended a banquet in Gleichen. Each year more tables are added. Next year more will have to be added. Nobody knows in advance how many will attend so the only thing that can be done is to estimate and trust to luck.

There are a great many people who attend only once a year and that is the Old Timers. They come early and stay late, until five o'clock in the morning. So in future if the hilarity, the pushing and shoving of the crowd, getting corns stepped on and all the other excitement makes them get a little gay about midnight just overlook their hilarity.

The Board of Trade puts on the banquet and dance. This year a much closer watch of little details was kept. For instance ticket sellers and collector went on duty shortly after five o'clock and stayed with the job until midnight. A complete change of these officials was made every little while in that way nobody was compelled to work very long.

LADIES SOCIAL CREDIT GROUP HAVE MEETING

On Thursday afternoon 20 members of the Meadowsbrook Social Credit group met at Mrs. Bert Day's home for the regular semi-monthly meeting. The business of the meeting was carried through by the secretary and Current Events and items of interest were discussed. Contacts sponsored by the Day girls were greatly enjoyed and the prizes were won by Mrs. Day and Mrs. Neal McMillan. The hostess served a very dainty tea and was assisted by Mrs. Nelson.

GLEICHEN UNITED CHURCH

Rev. J. N. Wilkinson, Minister. 11 a.m. Church School. Mrs. H. Birch, choir leader. Miss Marjorie Birch, pianist. 11 a.m. Church School.

7:30 p.m. evening worship. Subject of sermon: "How Much More?"

ALBERTA MUTUAL TELEPHONE SYSTEM

While there were a few farmers' Mutual Telephone companies organized in 1933, a concerted effort to effect sale of lines did not commence until the early fall of 1934. Hundreds of organization meetings took place and the companies were gradually formed. Poles, wire and telephone sets were sold at junk prices, although much of the plant was in fair shape. The com-

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At the time the companies began organizing in real earnest, the Department had about 9,000 rural telephones, this having dropped from a peak of 20,500 telephones caused by depression, poor crops, etc. Due to intensive canvassing by the farmers many new subscribers have been connected up as well as former subscribers who had discontinued their service, as a result of which there are now about 16,150 telephones on the local lines. The net result is a saving of about 4,000 lines of somewhat over 7,000 rural telephones. This is largely accounted for by the fact that the Mutual companies due to local maintenance, can give service at a low monthly

rate. In addition, of course, the farmers do not have to carry the load of the original bonded indebtedness for the rural plant nor the interest charges on that debt. The farmers take more interest because the plant is their own and they are not so liable to remove telephones if they own a share in their company. In addition they will reap poles and minor repair jobs themselves, knowing there are thereby saving money individually as well as for their company. The sales were practically completed in 1937.

Roughly over 85 per cent of the plant has been paid for. Of the remaining 15 per cent a large portion is not yet yet due and on the balance owing mostly by groups in the drought areas, payments are being made from time to time.

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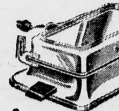
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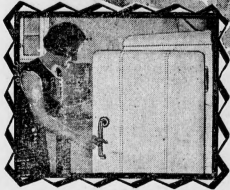
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DUNCAN McBEAN WILL HEAD THE OLD TIMERS

The Old Timers Association annual meeting got underway at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon. Those present were Mr. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McBean, Mr. and Mrs. Martin of Rosebud, Miss McBean, Messrs Jones, Kierstein, F. Daw, Brown, Wilson, A. Daw, W. James, Jr., Service and Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Clark and Chas. Rodburne.

The secretary suggested that a log book be kept of all the old timers, such as photos, material relative to early settlement and activities of its members. The meeting adopted this idea and Messrs Duncan McBean, D. Clark and W. James, Jr., were appointed to act as a committee and bring in a report at the next annual meeting.

Letters were read from Canon Stecken of Esquimalt, B.C., and W. Niblock of Victoria Both would like very much to be present but were unable to do so and wished to be remembered to their old friends.

The matter of raising the year limit on eligible membership was discussed at length. The meeting decided not to change the limit. A committee was appointed to interview the floor management at the dance in regard to the conduct of some people attending the dance. The election of officers resulted as follows:

Hon. President, H. Scott.
President, Duncan McBean.
1st Vice-President, W. Service.
2nd Vice-President, W. Brown.
3rd Vice-President, C. Rodburne.
Secretary-Treas., S. Dafe.

Executive committee: Duncan Clark, W. James, Jr., Fred Jones, John Martin, Alf Vigar, W. James, sr., Alf Daw, Otto Kierstein, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. McBean, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. John McBean.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Povisians of Strathmore wishes to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Dorothy Thirwell, to Arthur Alexander Bailey Grant, youngest son of Capt. and Mrs. J. A. Grant of Gleichen. Wedding to take place early in December.

HIGHWAYS JUMP FARM VALUATIONS

Just what improved highways mean to a farm has been strikingly demonstrated by a survey made recently in the United States. This study indicated that farmers are more and more coming to see that improved highways not only bring the direct and immediate benefits as operators of a business but that by intelligently increasing farm property values, roads provide greater and more lasting benefits.

Effect of the United States survey was that farmers on gravel roads figured their property was worth 20 per cent more than those whose farms were on dirt roads. Those on hard-surfaced roads said their property was worth 44 per cent more than land on dirt roads.

Of course, in regard to hard surfaced roads, nearness to markets and electrification also are factors in fixing valuations for purposes of comparison. Results of the U.S. survey bear out the contention that the farmer stands to benefit largely

through the building of hard-surfaced roads. Not only does the farmer's property increase in value but also he is able to take advantage of the opportunity of serving valuable cash market, which is created by the tourist trade. Only way in Alberta to cash in to the full on this trade is to build hard surfaced roads, giving bigger business and larger profits to farmers.

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GLEICHEN COMMUNITY HALL

GOVERNMENT LIQUOR CONTROL ACT OF ALBERTA

APPLICATION FOR BEER LICENSE

Public notice is hereby given that the undersigned intend applying to the Alberta Liquor Control Board, for a License to sell Beer by the glass or open bottle, for consumption in conformity with the provisions of the Government Liquor Control Act of Alberta, and regulations made thereunder with respect to the following premises:

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